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(("An Open Letter" to President Marcos from Bon Azada: "On Violence"))

((Text)) Pres. Ferdinand E. Marcos Malacanang, Manila

Dear Mr President:

You accuse the OPPOSITION of being silent on the issue of violence. You are wrong. We have not been silent in our condemnation of the use of violence both by government agents and those who believe in violence as the last resort of an oppressed people.

We have been denouncing the use of violence at every turn. When you did violence to the Consuttution by declaring martial law, we denounced such unjust use of violence again our people. We denounced the massacres obviously committed by government agents from Sagod in Samar to Ihawayan in Negros Occidental. From Pigsalohan in Gingoog City to the Lakbayan victims in Cavite and countless more.

But there is one common strain that characterizes government action against acts of violence — refusal or inability to "find" or punish the culprits, specially because in most cases the guilty

parties are working with the government.

The use of violence has almost become a way of life in this country. In Mindanao today, there is not a day that innocent farmers, students, Opposition workers and leaders and plain citizens who are trying hard to find meaning in their lives are not illegally arrested, confined or salvagged without the knowledge of their families. this has become routine.

Viewed in this light, it is obvious that it is your government that lacks serious commitment in the fight against the use of violence.

You cry against terrorism with the death of a general wherewhere initial evidence points to common criminals as the architects of the murder. On the other hand, some praise-hungry Opposition politicians decry the use of violence because one or two of their leaders had been killed. In this situation of polarized political partisanship, who is to protect the interests of thousands of prospective victims and the families of thousands who are being killed and mutilated every month, unwitting victims of men who are all hungry for power?

I think we should all return to our beginnings by remembering what they used to teach us in the UP ((University of the Philippines))

College of Law — that he who comes to court and seek justice must have clean hands. Unfortunately, in the case of your government, its hands are not clean in the use of violence against our people.

It was you who repeatedly demonstrated the example that when a man is deprived of food, he will look for food. If he cannot find food, he will beg for food. But deprive a man of justice and he will join a revolution. These are your words and they are historically correct.

So you should not be surprised why many resort to the use of wickers. When the vernment uses violence hieve its ends, the Declassified in Part - Sanitized Copy Approved for Release 2012/08/07: CIA-RDP92-00053R000300020036-1

objects of such violence will naturally use the same meapon, more so when the use of violence is obviously unjust.

For the terrorists do not believe in the rule of law. While we condemn error of their ways, we cannot help but understand the choice of their means.

If terrorism must be stopped, the first moves must start with the government. In the classic study done by Sir Robert Thompson of the Malayan and Vietnamese insurgencies, one lesson shouldnot escape all of us, specially the government: That before the government can start asking the people to obey the law, it must obey the law first. Otherwise, if the government violates the law, then the government becomes no less criminal than the persons whom it wishes to prosecute.

We in the Opposition, are with you against the use of violence and terror. But your commitment must go beyond empty rhetoric. For up to this day, there is no evident sign that you are serious in waging a war against the use of violence even in your own backyard.

If you want our people to cooperate, you have to lead the way ---the correct and just way.

Very sincerely,

Homobono A. Adaza

Provincial Governor and Assemblyman-elect,

Misemis Oriental and President,

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